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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

FROM: John D. Albers, Administrative Law Judge

DATE: August 14, 2000

SUBJECT: XO Illinois, Inc.

Application for Extension of Waiver of 911 Call Box Requirement under 83 Ill. Admin. Code Section 725.500(o) and 725.620(b).

RECOMMENDATION: Enter the attached order extending the waiver.

XO, formerly known as NEXTLINK, seeks a third one-year extension of the previously received one-year waiver from complying with Sections 725.500(o) and 725.620(b) of Ill. Adm. Code Part 725. In general, these rules require the placement of call boxes outside of a telephone company's central office. The purpose of the call box is to enable the local public safety answer point ("PSAP") located in the area served by the central office to use the call box to receive 9-1-1 calls if the central office is unable to complete calls to the PSAP.

On July 8, 1998 in Docket No. 98-0161, the Commission found that it was technologically infeasible for NEXTLINK to comply with Sections 725.500(o) and 725.620(b) and granted NEXTLINK a one-year waiver from complying with these sections in accordance with Section 725.101. The Commission granted NEXTLINK two one-year extensions of the waiver in Docket Nos. 99-0301 and 00-0492. In the latter docket, the Commission found that a third extension of the waiver may be requested if necessary.

XO represents that its situation has not changed since it received the initial waiver and that it continues to wait for Staff to initiate a rulemaking addressing the situation they and all other competitive local exchange carriers operating in Illinois face. Staff supports XO's request for an extension of the waiver, subject to certain conditions.

No hearing was held in this docket nor were any petitions to intervene received. The attached Order grants the requested extension.

JDA